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OWOSSO, MICH.

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ANOTHER BAD FIRE.

Estey Cattle Co.'s Factory Totally Destroyed—Narrow Escape of City Mills—Loss Over \$40,000.00.

The entire plant of the Estey Cattle Company burned to the ground shortly after midnight Tuesday morning, making a total loss of some \$40,000, only about \$27,000 of which is covered by insurance, and throwing some forty-five men out of employment. It is one of the most severe losses which Owosso has ever been called upon to bear.

At twenty minutes of one the nightwatch at the factory telephoned the alarm to the water works, where the fire alarm was blown, but as no box number was given it was not generally known at once where the fire was, and some even connected the blowing of the whistle with the war scare.

By the time the department reached the factory the nature of the contents as well as the material of which the factory is composed, all combined with the location of the fire near the elevator shaft, had conspired to put its control out of the list of possible things. The flames had ascended through the building by the elevator shaft or that part of it through which the weights run, and had spread on every floor. The building, which has been used during the greater part of twenty years for finishing wood work, either furniture or carriages, was not only as dry as tinder, but in some places doubly inflammable from accumulated drippings of oil and varnish. The result was one of the hottest fires Owosso has ever seen.

It was apparent at once that the whole factory including the new ware house built last year west of the factory was doomed, but the firemen worked hard to keep the fire down sufficiently to protect neighboring property. As it was several poles belonging to the telephone and electric light companies were destroyed and the Michigan Telephone Co.'s Detroit lines were melted in two. Bill boards caught fire as did also piles of lumber and slabs in the vicinity of the factory. A barn on the east came near burning. The big Estey factory and yards were in danger from the falling cinders but that property was under the close watch of a sufficient force armed with the company's ladders, and as much of the company's hose as had not already been sent over to help at the big fire. The Estey oil house was in the most danger but that but for a few minutes. Had it not been for the rain which had been falling all night, it is quite probable that the fire would have spread over a large area and have done incalculable damage.

The greatest danger, however, was in front of the factory, where it was so hot that those filled with water and lying in the street was ruined by the heat, and where it appeared at times that the new City Mills might go at any time. The old elevator directly across from the factory and a few feet east of the mills caught fire in the cupola and burned quite stubbornly. It was finally saved, however, and with it the mills, which escaped with no more serious injury than scorched and blistered paint. In the elevator were some ninety barrels of flour stored by Hall Bros, and about five hundred bushels of oats owned by Parshall & Co.

The work of the fire department was unusually difficult owing to the great heat which blistered and burnt the faces and hands of the boys and cracked their rubber coats. Hose was attached to every hydrant near the fire and in all eight streams were being thrown. After the flames were completely checked the boys were served with hot refreshments by Mr. Parshall of the City Mills, in testimony of at least a small part of his appreciation for their good work in his behalf.

Considerable sympathy has been manifested among the business men for the Messrs. A. D. Whipple and C. S. Williams who were the heaviest losers, while the whole city has a keen interest in the loss; as it is yet quite uncertain whether or not the factory will be rebuilt. It is to be hoped that the stockholders will find the conditions warrant their rebuilding, and that the company will rebuild on a plan not only more extensive but more convenient and safer than before.

Christ Church.

The annual meeting of the parish of Christ Church was held Monday evening. The reports presented were very satisfactory, showing the work in all branches to be flourishing.

The following vestrymen for the ensuing year were elected: Geo. Thomas, G. R. Black, J. J. Davis, A. D. Whipple, A. T. Thomas, Jas. Osburn, C. S. Williams, A. E. Stever, T. J. Horsman, Fred Carpenter. The vestry selected the following officers: Senior Warden—Geo. Thomas. Junior Warden—G. R. Black. Secretary—J. J. Davis. Treasurer—C. S. Williams.

Notice.

We, the undersigned, do hereby agree to refund the money on two 35-cent bottles of Baxter's Mandrake Bitters, if it fails to cure constipation, biliousness, sick headache, or any of the diseases for which it is recommended. Also will refund the money on a 50-cent bottle of Down's Elixir, if it does not cure any cough, cold, croup, whooping cough, or throat or lung difficulty. We also guarantee one 35-cent bottle of either of the above to prove satisfactory or money refunded.—W. E. Collins & Co., Parkhill & Son, L. M. Watson, Sprague & Co. If.

AN ORATORIO GIVEN.

An Owosso Chorus Sang "The Prodigal Son" Before a Large Audience.

The Congregational church began to fill rapidly Sunday afternoon some time before the hour announced for the beginning of the oratorio, "The Prodigal Son," and when the service was finally begun, at five o'clock, every seat was filled and nearly every foot of standing room as well. An idea of the general character of the work and its significance as well may perhaps be gained from the following sketch:

After the short introduction came the first chorus number, carrying with it the key to the theme of the whole oratorio in the words, "There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst, and God shall wipe away all tears."

The tenor solo which followed this number then began the details of the story, telling of the younger son and giving his demand for his share of his father's goods. This part was sung very effectively by H. Augustine Smith, of Chicago.

The thread of the story was carried on in the next number, a recitative and aria in the form of a bass solo, sung by Francis Campbell, of Grand Rapids. The words are supposed to be the father's plea, "My son attend unto my words," and "Honor the Lord and trust in him." The part which is quite an effective one, was made doubly so by the full, almost perfect voice of Mr. Campbell, who has impressed Owosso singers as being one of the best, if not the very best baritone singer, who has ever appeared before an Owosso audience.

The next number, a recitative, quite difficult to render in a manner satisfactory to both singer and listener, was most admirably sung by Mrs. R. E. Travis. The story was continued, "And the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance in riotous living."

Then a tenor solo with chorus accompaniment repeated the theme, "Let us eat and drink for tomorrow we die," in so vivid a way as to clearly indicate what revelry it was supposed to represent. The part was difficult but, well carried out and perfectly adapted to the purpose, it marked the highest point in the riotous life of the prodigal. The recitative sung by Mrs. F. H. Gould and the response by the chorus mark the change in the theme. It is now "Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning that they may follow strong drink."

Then, as though the change were too abrupt, came the song with its plea, "Love not the world nor the things that are in the world, for the world passeth away, but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever." This contralto solo sung with full appreciation for its sentiment and feeling by Miss Evora Robbins was in marked contrast to the more tempestuous scenes immediately preceding it, and marked still more clearly the change in the general theme.

The story of the famine and want, briefly sketched in a recitative, and an aria, "O that thou hadst hearkened," urging the wanderer to "Turn and not die," were sung by Miss Fannie Jones and Mrs. Etta Hill Gould.

The remainder of the story was told in choruses, duets, quartets, and solos, which told of the return of the prodigal, and his forgiveness. In these remaining numbers the work of both Mr. Smith and Mr. Campbell was exceptionally fine. After the quartet, "The Lord is nigh unto them," was sung by the Messdames Travis and F. H. Gould, and the Messrs. Smith and Campbell, the concluding chorus completing the picture of harmony was sung, the theme being, "Thou, O Lord, art our Father."

The work throughout was almost without exception of the highest class, and should be a source of true satisfaction to the participants, both soloists and members of the chorus. Great credit is due the conductor, Mr. Ferry, who has added one more to the long list of enjoyable musical events for which Owosso is indebted to him. Especial credit is due also to Miss Duff who showed a true artist's appreciation of the possibilities of the oratorio in the rendition of the accompaniment which was written entirely for the piano, but which in places she very effectively arranged for the pipe organ.

"Much Ado About Nothing."

We are pleased to have the honor of announcing to our patrons and all lovers of the immortal Bard of Avon, that a rare treat is in store for them, in the form of a series of Shakespearean recitals. George B. Williams, of New York, will appear in the high school auditorium on the evening of April 26, when this talented gentleman will recite from memory Shakespeare's master comedy, "Much Ado About Nothing." In such a manner as to make the evening one of amusement, as well as instruction. On Wednesday evening, April 27, Mr. Williams will be followed by his sister, Miss Minnie Williams, in a recital of the delightful comedy, "As You Like It."

A subscription list has been made up by a number of our leading citizens, and is now open at Watson's drug store. There has been a special concession made from the regular subscription fee, for the Owosso engagement, so that two dollars is the nominal obligation to each subscriber, which entitles them to six tickets, three for each recital. Single tickets fifty cents each. The recitals will begin at eight o'clock, standard time.

Where Are We At?

When the Michigan delegation in congress visited President McKinley last week Wednesday—as they are reported as doing—they belied and misrepresented the constituency which they claimed impelled them to act, and caused Michigan, together with a portion of the congressional delegation from Illinois, to stand as the only state which failed to support President McKinley's Cuban policy. We have had some shocking specimens of assiduity in the House of Representatives, but nothing before that could reach the idiotic grandeur of the present incumbents. The simple fact is that level-headed men of all parties are a unit in praise of the President's course, under such trying circumstances.

And then to have these so-called representatives dance around there and bark at the President's heels, through William Alden Smith's little umbrella for a mouthpiece! Bah! Give us a rest.

Spain deserves punishment, and she will get it all in due time and in such a way as will command the respect of the civilized world for us. This delay has been for our own good, and for the best interest of the army and navy. So that when war is declared—if at all—we shall be ready for it, in concentration, in force, and in unity.

The Spaniard is a cruel and merciless foe, as evinced in her wars with Mexican revolutionists, which were especially marked for ferocity of Spanish soldiery, but they had to relinquish that territory, and so they will thrice desolated Cuba, which the doubtless incompetent as was Mexico can travel up through the same road of riot, revolution and bloodshed as Mexico did, till she arrives at as high a point of excellence as our friend Stanley E. Parkhill placed her in a recent speech down at Pontiac.

Now we all know that Stanley is a brilliant speaker and could make a good speech on the "Mistakes of Moses," or that "Heaven-sent messenger" Bryan, or Bob Ingersoll, or in fact on anything to which he might turn his tongue, but we cannot disremember that he rode down to Mexico in a palace car, and was feted, and banqueted, and wine, and dined, if he preferred, in solid silver service, and that he is looking through silver spectacles all the while, which naturally colors everything he views with a silvery sort of sheen.

Nor can we forget that it is less than two decades since Mexico had any boon or "boom," except misery and suffering, to talk about; but that within fifteen years or so she has settled down to a temporarily semi-stable government that mines its own money out of the bowels of the earth, both gold and silver, but sends the former away for imports and to pay interest on her debt, while she keeps the latter—in the absence of anything better—to use as the currency of the realm, instead of sending it home as Alaska does, which, by the way, also has both metals and mines, and nearly as much area of square miles.

Mexico has a greater number of people to the square mile than Alaska, but not so many as the United States, by a considerable, and they doubtless have schools, churches, newspapers, etc., in the cities or places where a palace car would naturally travel, but in the sparsely settled region, the only public conveniences or buildings one would be liable to find in that land would be churches, and that is due only to the kind and character of the dominant religion of the land.

No, it is not probable that away back where the burro and the pack-mule flourish, and wages are about half what our common laborers receive, and that depreciated one hundred per cent in its purchasing power, the honest democrat of our country could be deluded into wishing—if he were there—that he could have things so at home. No. His only wish would be "Lord let me live to get home and I will ask no more."

A friend of mine down there wanted to send a dollar up here to pay for a newspaper, and the \$1.00 draft he bought on N. Y. he says cost him \$2.15. Nice country, nice currency, nice lie.

Lansburg, April 4, '98. WARD.

P. S.—Since the above was written complications have arisen involving actual and immediate war with Spain.

Notwithstanding the wisdom of the President, and his effort to go slow in the matter, the jingo element in congress forced immediate intervention in Cuban affairs, and before this time undoubtedly Spain has received the ultimatum of our government.

It is sincerely to be hoped that we never shall regret our haste in this matter, but I have a vague suspicion that we have "bitten off more than we can swallow," and like the 90 days in which we were given to whip the southern rebels, the 30 days given to clean out Cuba may linger in years instead, and further, with a loss of life and treasure that is of more value than the fever infested island is worth, twice over.

If armed intervention could have been delayed till after the rainy season, which is just beginning and lasts four months, the chances would have been much better, if indeed, the cause had not passed by that time. But just now, our forces will need to be armed with medicine instead of muskets, and provided with nurses instead of surgeons, for they will die off in fever camps like sheep, and find a grave in foreign soil, unwept, unhonored, and unsung.

I hope not, most ardently, but fear that we shall be more anxious by far to see this war close, than we seem to be to commence. Lansingburg, April 30. W.

Royal makes the food pure, wholesome and delicious.



Dedicatory Concert Tonight.

Every music lover in the city as well as every person interested in the prosperity of the high school should be sure to hear the concert in the high school room this evening, where a rich treat is in store. The star of the evening will be Miss Eva Hemingway, of Grand Rapids, who is one of the very foremost if not the best "soprano" now in Michigan. Though at present located at Grand Rapids, Miss Hemingway had a most successful season last year singing in New York concerts and her solo work there has received highly flattering notices. She will be accompanied by Miss Duff. Miss Gregory will give a piano solo and Mr. August Wesener a violin solo, while the Ferry quartette will give a selection. The new piano will be used for the accompaniments and for the piano solo. It is an upright A. B. Chase piano, sold by the Michigan Sewing Machine & Organ Co. The high school students have worked long and industriously, under the leadership of Prin. Mertz, to secure the piano and great credit is due the latter for the untiring interest he has taken in the work and the success achieved. But a comparatively small amount now remains to be raised. With this in mind and in view the excellent program provided, the school should receive such support tonight, as to enable this "dedication" of the piano to be carried out with the knowledge that they are free from debt. The general admission is twenty-five cents and it will be the last entertainment to be given by the school for this purpose, so do not fail to attend.

PROGRAM.

Piano Duet.....Misses Duff
Vocal Solos, German Folk Songs,
"Was ich hab—Bohm."
"An die Nacht."
Miss Hemingway.
Violin Solos, From Henry VIII.
"Morris Dance."
"Shepherd's Dance."
"Loch Dance."
August Wesener.
Solo, Sognal—Schira.....Miss Hemingway.
Quartette, Mrs. Etta Hill Gould, Mrs. F. H. Gould, Miss Jones, Miss Robbins.
Solo, Creole Love Song—Smith.....Miss Hemingway.
Violin Solo, Lohengrin—Wagner—Singerlee.
Solo, Good Night, Sweet Dreams—Bischoff.
Solo, "The Vision".....Miss Hemingway.

Services will be held as follows at the Asbury M. E. church, corner of Shiawassee and Stewart streets Sunday: Preaching at 10:30 a. m. by Pastor W. W. Benson, subject, "The Magi and the Star." Sunday school at noon. Epworth League devotional services at 6:30 p. m. At 7:30 p. m. the pastor will preach again, the evening subject being "The mightiness of Christ to save." Seats are free, and ushers as well as others ready to welcome all.

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GRAND CONCERT.

—THE—
OWOSSO CITY BAND
will give the last number of the Popular Entertainment Course at the CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, Friday Evening, April 29.

Classical, Patriotic and Sacred Airs, New successes and old favorites will be rendered by that popular musical organization.

The Band will be assisted by
MRS. J. B. SULLIVAN, READER,
—AND—
Mrs. Etta Hill Gould, Soprano.

PROGRAM.
March, "Stars and Stripes Forever".....Souza
Overture, "Poet and Peasant".....Suppe
Reading, selected.....Mrs. J. B. SULLIVAN
Trombone Solo, "The Vision".....Brooks
GEO. H. GRAHAM.
March, "Cotton Blossoms".....Hall
Selection, "The Palms".....Osborne
Soprano Solo, "Leonora".....Mrs. ETTA HILL GOULD,
with full band accompaniment arranged by
F. M. Crowe.
March, "Kansas".....Pryor
Reading, selected.....Mrs. J. B. SULLIVAN
Selection, "Onward Christian Soldier".....Osborne
Selection, American National Airs.
March, "Cesar's Triumphal March".....Mitchel

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